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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

**BOX PCT**

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Title: *ANTIMICROBIAL POLYMER*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend this application as follows  
herein.

**In the Specification**

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application  
on page 1 of the specification:

**--Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a national phase application based on PCT/GB00/02864, filed  
July 25, 2000, and which further claims priority from British Application No. 9920774.8,  
filed September 3, 1999. These applications in their entirety are incorporated herein by  
reference.--

**In the Claims**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) An antimicrobial polymer according to claim 1 wherein  
chromophoric marker comprises a chromophoric group which has a major absorption  
and/or emission band in the range of from 275 to 1500 nm.

4. (Amended) An antimicrobial polymer according to claim 1 wherein the  
chromophoric group is a fluorescent group.